



#### Dear Neighbors:

We're here to second this motion: "The Legislature belongs to everyone!"

In fact, if you've heard Governor Gary Locke or anyone else refer to the need for "One Washington," we'd like to emphasize that everyone should strive for such a worthy, objective.

But you know what? Usually when political people talk about this "One Washington" idea, they're talking about making sure the good citizens of Colville and Colfax and Cathlamet have as much say in government as the good citizens in Bellevue and Ballard and Belltown.

Nothing wrong with that. It makes sense — and it's the right thing to do.

## Helping all citizens participate...

The point is that Washingtonians who have disabilities have every bit as much right — and responsibility! — as anyone else to get involved in the legislative process! One way or another, we're all in this thing together.

In the House of Representatives and the Senate, individuals who have disabilities are guaranteed the same quality and quantity of access as anyone else.

### Alternatives:

There's more than one way to get in your two cents worth. Don't hesitate to use the system. (And we mean that in a good way!)

You probably already know that legislative buildings have clearly marked and reasonably convenient parking and entrance ramps for barrier-free access. Each building has one or more wheelchair-friendly doors.

But what about keeping track of what's going on? Here are some of the ways your Legislature goes about meeting its responsibility to be everyone's Legislature:

- **Documents in alternative formats.** Legislative documents are available in large print, Braille, and audiotope.

To receive a document in an alternative format, contact the House of Representatives at 786-7101, or the Senate at 786-7560.

- **Assistive-listening devices in legislative hearing rooms and chambers.** These systems allow people to amplify proceedings through use of special headphones, which can be checked out from the House and Senate security offices.
- **Interpreters and readers.** The Legislature will provide sign-language interpreters and readers. To obtain the services of an interpreter or reader, contact the House or Senate.
- **Telecommunications device for the deaf (text telephone or TDD).** This device allows people who are hearing-impaired to communicate by telephone. For information or to leave a message, the Legislative TDD number is 1-800-635-9993. The House and Senate have portable TDD units for outgoing calls — please contact either chamber of the Legislature to use one of the units.

## ...in the legislative process

- **State telephone-relay service.** As an alternative to the Legislature's TDD number, any legislative number can be reached directly by dialing 1-800-833-6384 (voice) or 1-800-833-6388 (TDD).

Please remember that it's always a good idea to call or write the appropriate legislative office as far in advance as possible to make arrangements to use these communications tools.

**Best wishes,**



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### **P.S.:**

Don't ever hesitate to share your thoughts and your comments. We look forward to reviewing your opinions — and benefiting from your participation, one way or another — in your state-legislative process.

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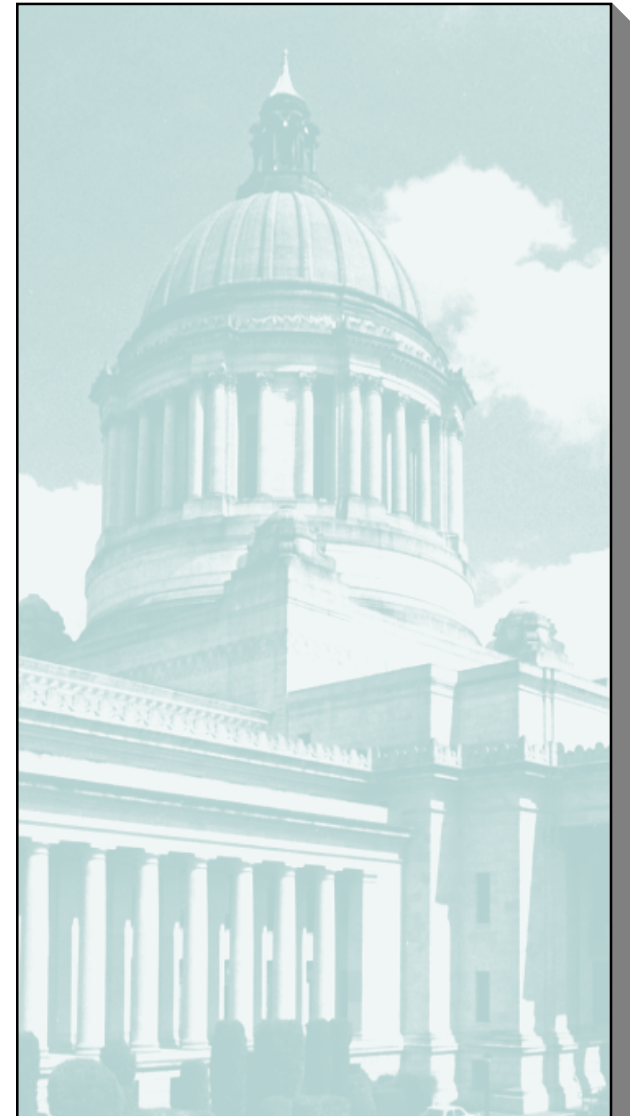
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**Helping all citizens  
participate in the  
legislative process**

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